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I think that the proposed DOJ-Microsoft settlement is a bad idea. It doesn't do enough to penalize Microsoft for past anti-competitive practices, and doesn't do enough to ensure against future anti-competitive practices by Microsoft. Also, the proposed settlement does nothing to redress damages suffered by consumers as a result of Microsoft's monopolistic practices.

In my view, breaking up Microsoft into several smaller corporations, would be a better solution, along with substantial monetary awards to Sun and Netscape. Failing that, substantial monetary awards should be accompanied by strict regulation of Microsoft as a public-interest entity.

Thank you for your time.

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